

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-8, and 16-17 are pending in the present application. In the present Amendment, Claims 4 and 16-17 are amended without introducing any new matter to correct minor formal issues; and Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the April 30, 2008 Office Action, Claims 4-5, and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3 and 6-8 are allowed. Claims 4-5 and 16-17 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Office Action.

In response, dependent Claim 4 is amended to delete “further,” so that it is clear what belongs to the step of horizontal low-pass filtering. Independent Claim 16 is amended to recite “said third logic means low-pass filtering a result of said superposing the original foreground image over said alpha-blended primitive-processed image to generate a low-pass filtered foreground image,” to clarify an issue on antecedent basis. A similar change is made at line 20 of Claim 16. Because these changes are only formal in nature, no new matter has been added to Claim 16 by these changes. Moreover, independent Claim 17 is amended to clarify the preamble of the claims, to be in proper form for a computer readable storage medium claim. Again, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Consequently, in light of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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